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# "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow: San Jose University 150 Years, 1857-2007"

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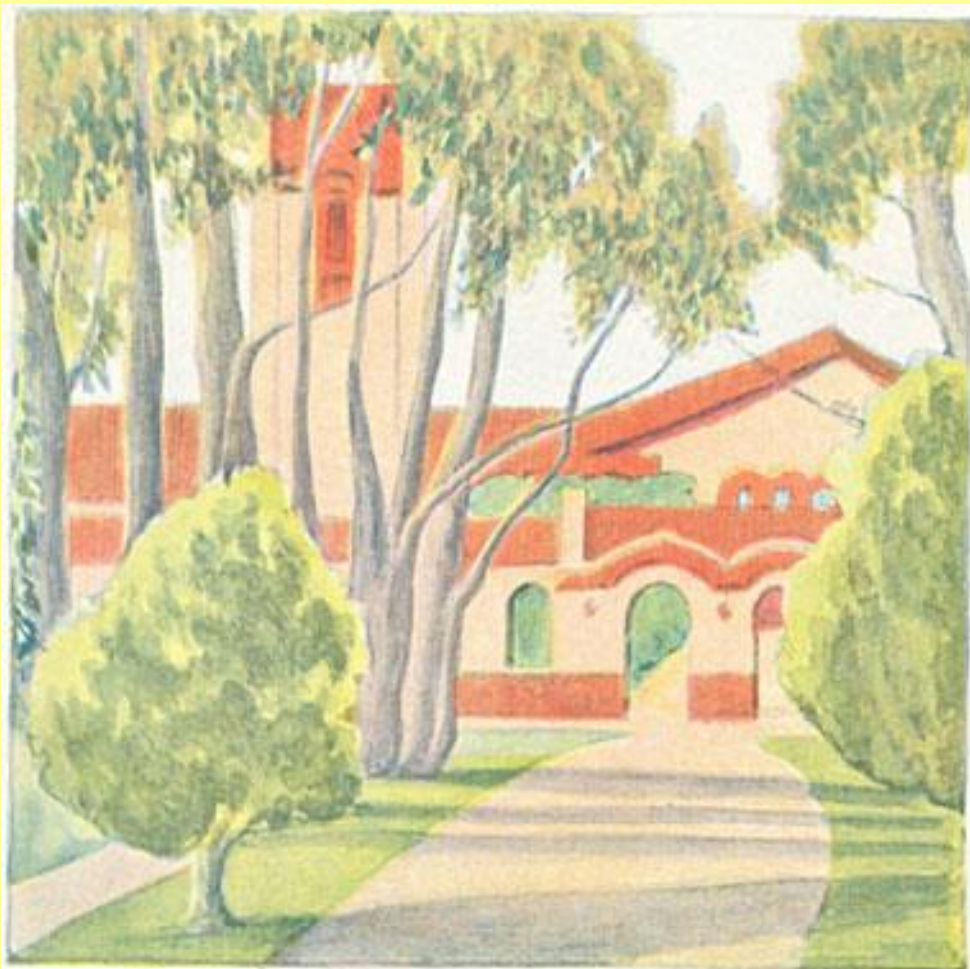
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*"I am not one of those who only seem,  
Steadfast am I, and destined to endure;  
And yet my greatest glory is to dream—  
Dream of the youth who seeks the true and pure."*

—THE TOWER SPEAKS by Henry Meade Bland



# Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow— 150 Years at SJSU

Danelle Moon  
SJSU Special Collections  
SCA, Long Beach  
May 18, 2006



## 150 Years of SJSU Student Life

# festival of truth

**july 10 - SAT.**

1:00 PM

**McCrory  
FIVE**



**san jose state  
girls ath. field**

LARRY NORMAN  
STREET LEVEL

7th + San Carlos



# University History Timeline

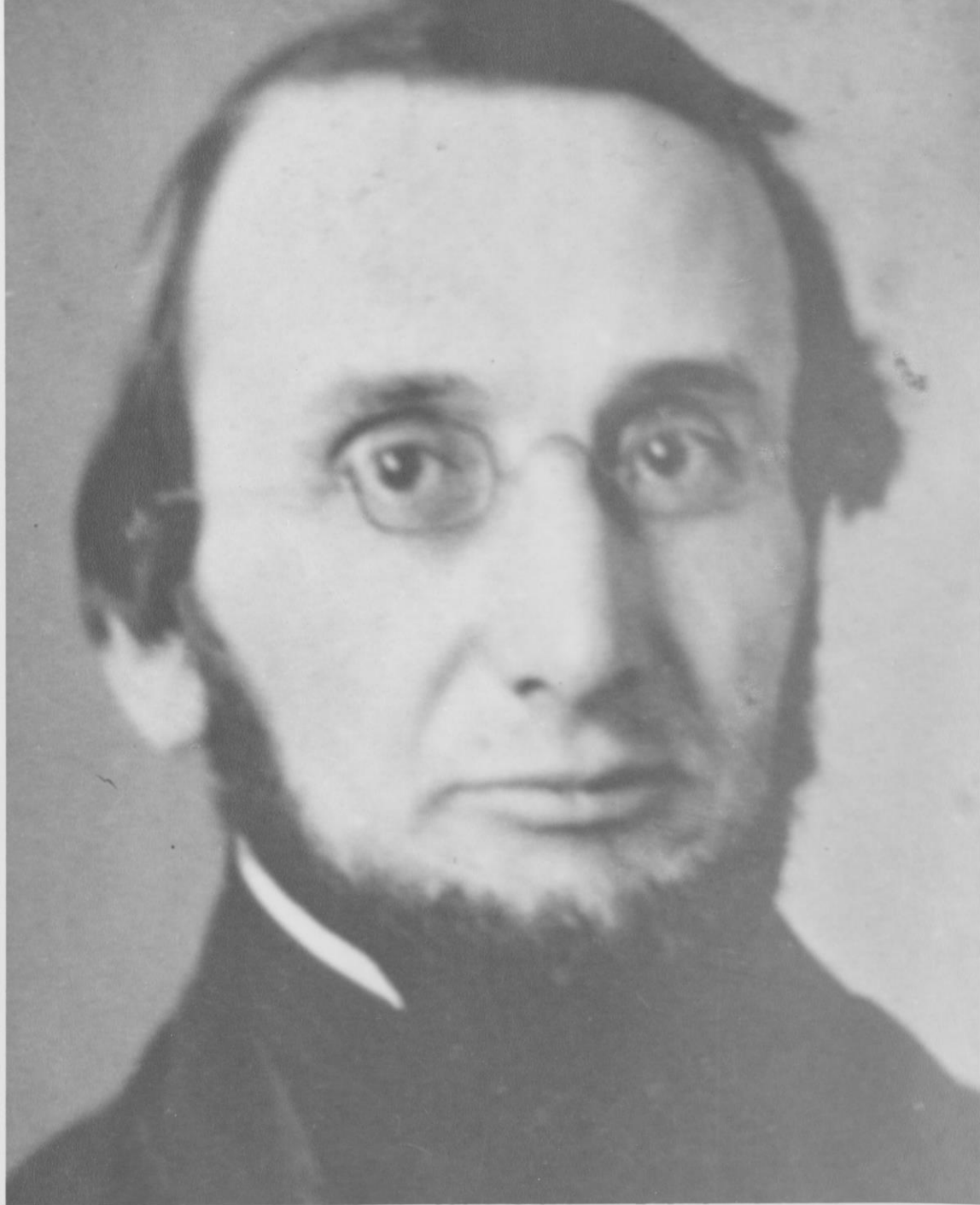
- Founded in 1857 as the Minns Evening Normal School, San Francisco
- May 2, 1862 first California State Normal School
- 1870 Groundbreaking Ceremony at “Washington Square”
- 1887 became a “State Normal School”
- 1921 San Jose State Teachers College
- 1935 San Jose State College
- 1972 CSU, San Jose
- 1974 San Jose State University



**George Minns**

**Founder Minns  
Evening Normal  
School**

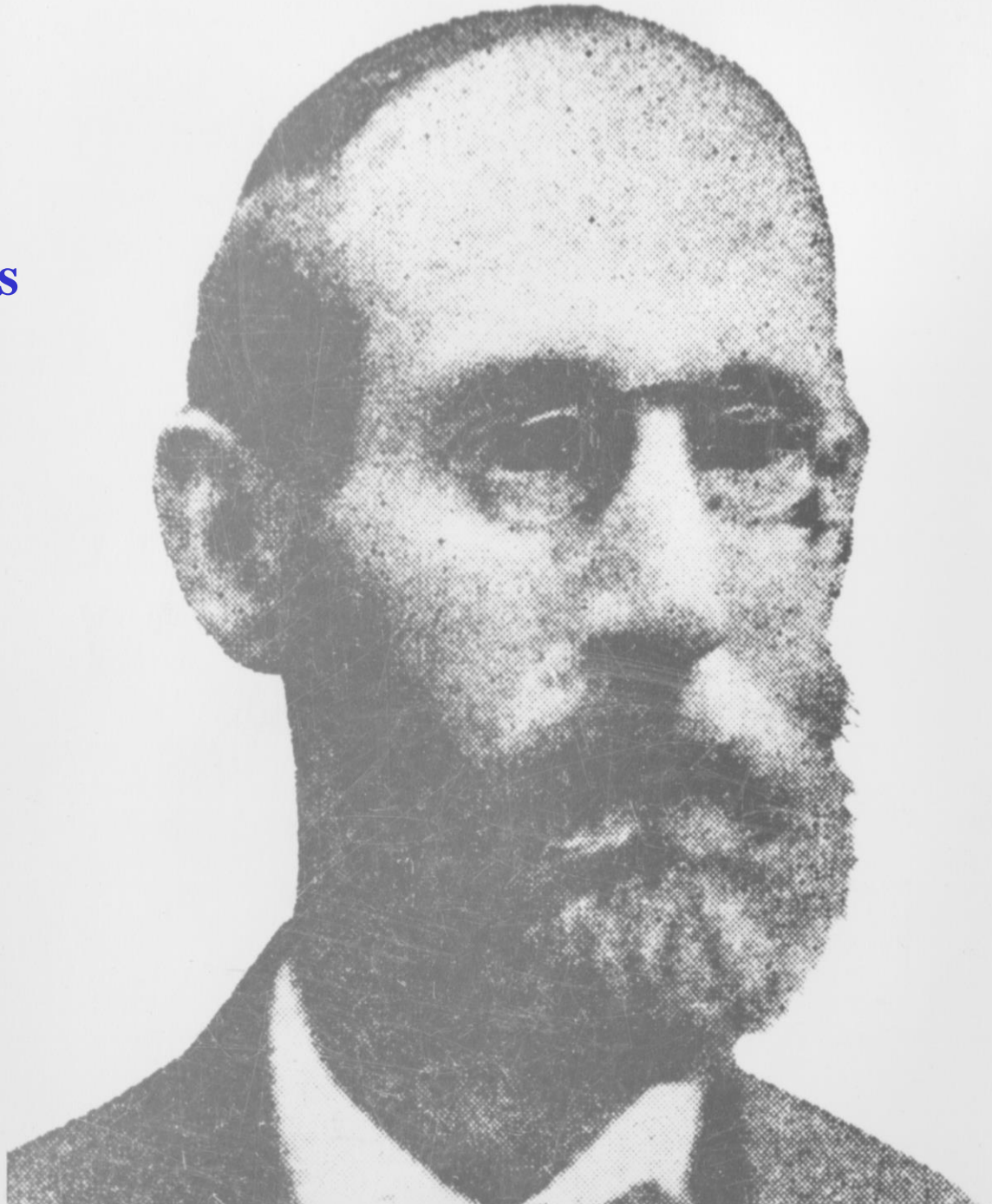
**1857-1862, 1865-66**



**Ahria Holmes**

**Principal**

**1862-1865**



**William T. Lucky**

**Principal**

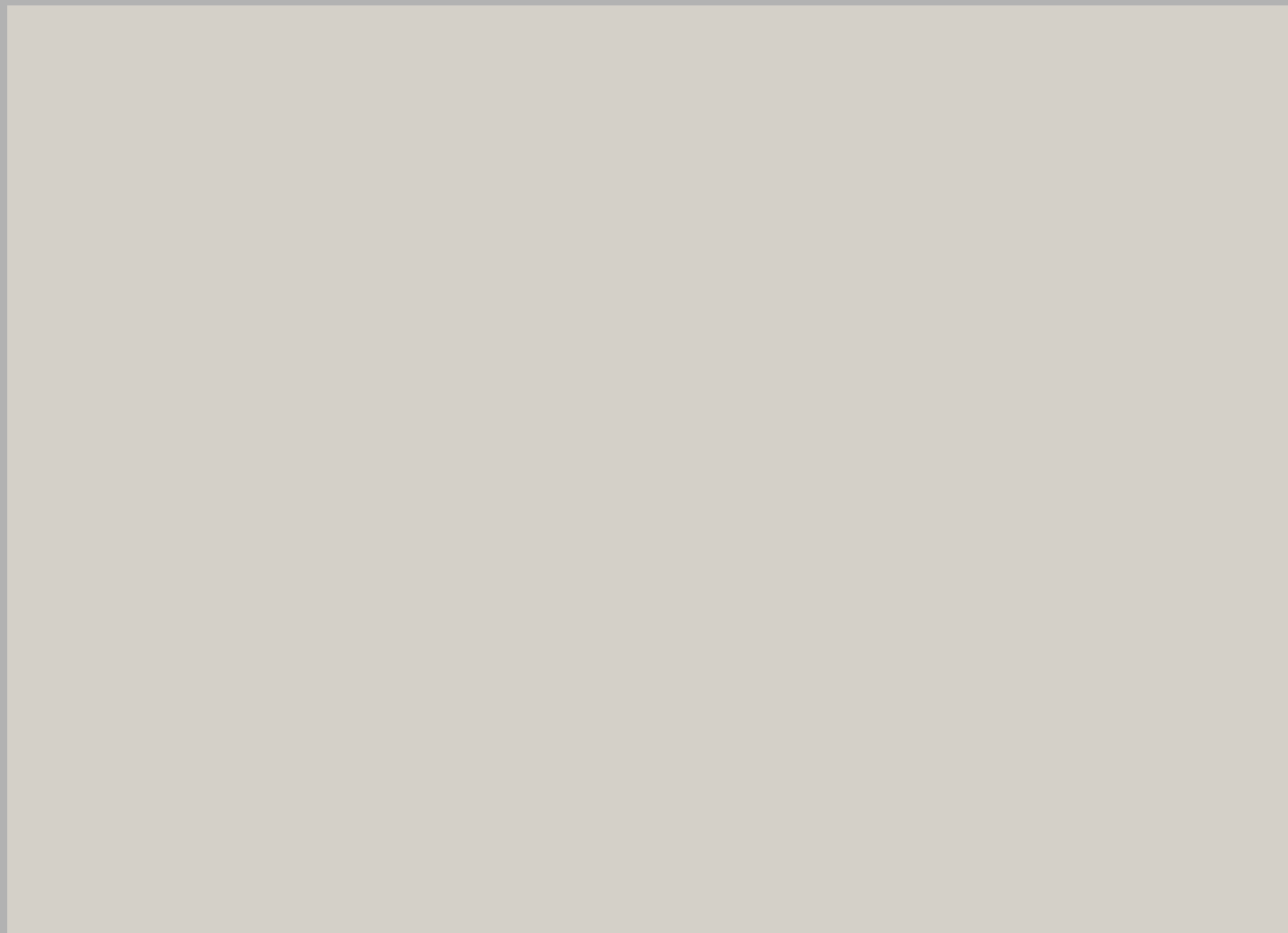
**1868-1873**



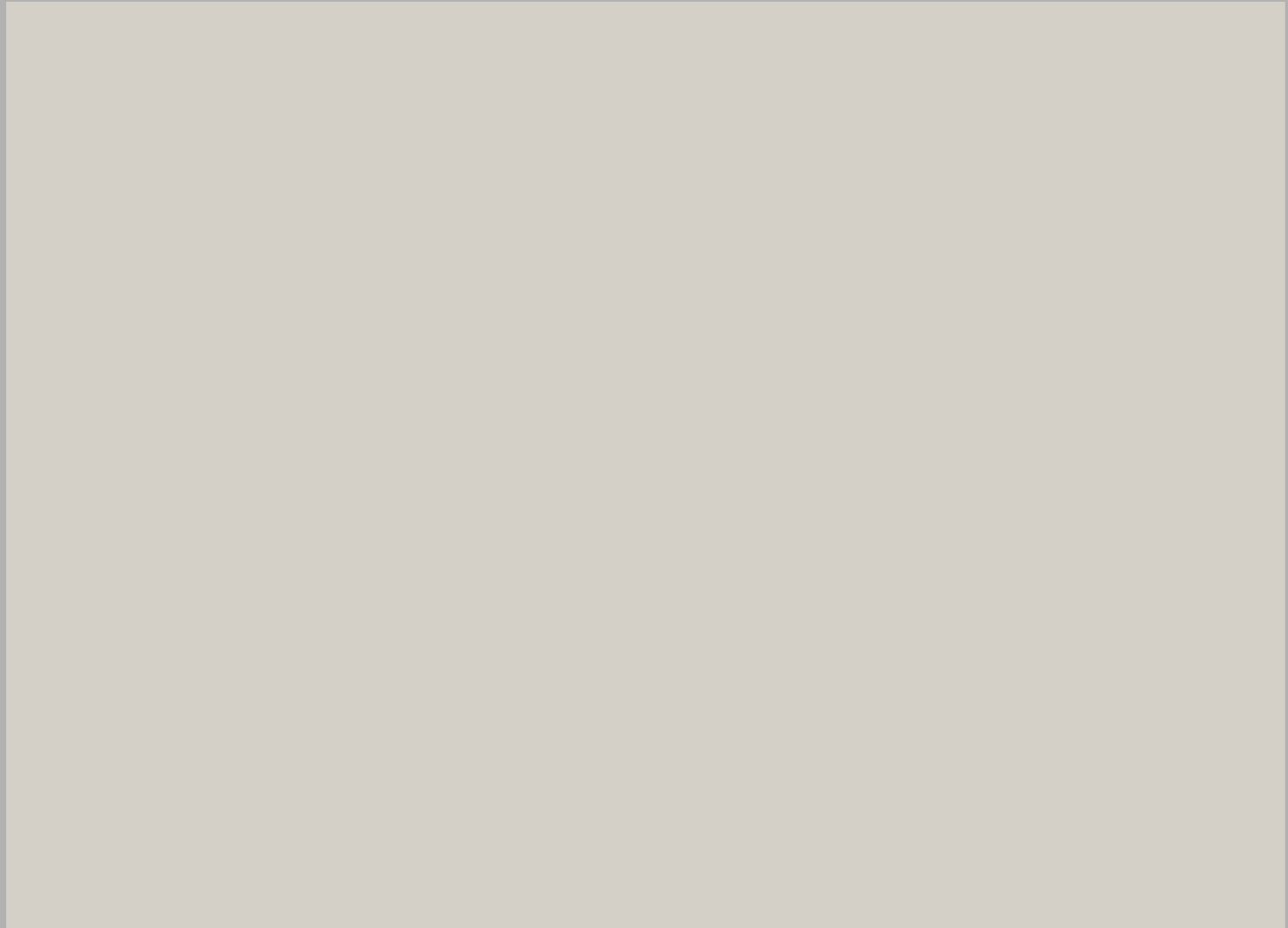


# San Jose State Normal School

ca. 1890-1910

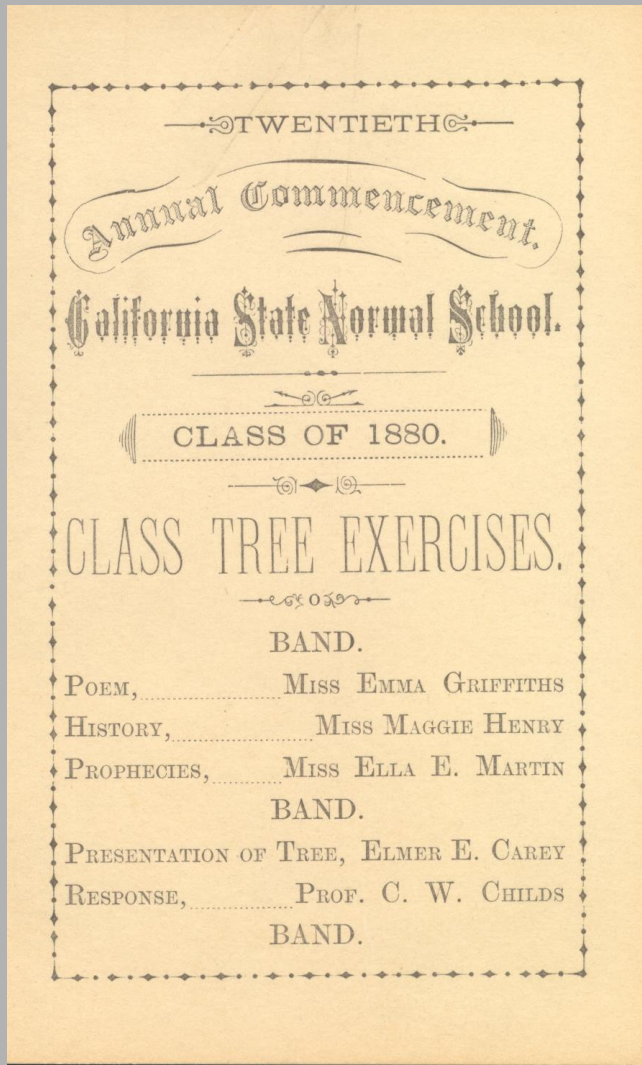


# Members of the SNC Tennis Club, 1893



# 1880 Commencement

## 1877 Courses of Instruction



COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.						
	ELEMENTARY COURSE.				FULL COURSE.	
	JUNIOR YEAR.		MIDDLE YEAR.		SENIOR YEAR.	
1—LANGUAGE.....	Orthography. English Grammar.	Orthography. English Grammar.	Orthography. English Grammar.	Word Analysis. Composition.	Rhetoric.	Criticism and English Literature.
2—MATHEMATICS....	Mental and Written Arithmetic.	Written Arithmetic.	Arithmetic. Element. Algebra.	Arithmetic. Algebra.	Higher Algebra.	Geometry.
3—SCIENCE .....	Geography.	Elements of Natural Philosophy. Phys. Geography.	Natural Philosophy completed. Chemical Lectures.	Physiology. Zoology. Botany.	Chemistry. Lectures on Astron- omy and Geology.	Household Science.
4—MISCELLANEOUS..	Penmanship. Drawing.	Reading. Vocal Music.	U. S. History. Reading. Vocal Music.	School Law and Constitution.	General Review of Elementary Stud- ies.	Political Economy. Reading. Drawing.
5—PROFESSIONAL...				Methods of Teach- ing. Observations in the Training School.	Methods of Teach- ing.	Methods of Teach- ing. Practice in the Training School.

For a more detailed exhibit of the course of study, see the last pages of the Appendix.

**Student with Trophy,  
1914**

**Football Team , 1899**





## Class Portraits, 1910



Chemistry Class, 1917



Sewing Class, 1914







May Fete  
1909



# College Life in the Roaring Twenties and Thirties





# THE PANKER







November, 1927

25c





*The*  
**TYPICAL SORORITY GIRL**  
FACE VALUE NO.2

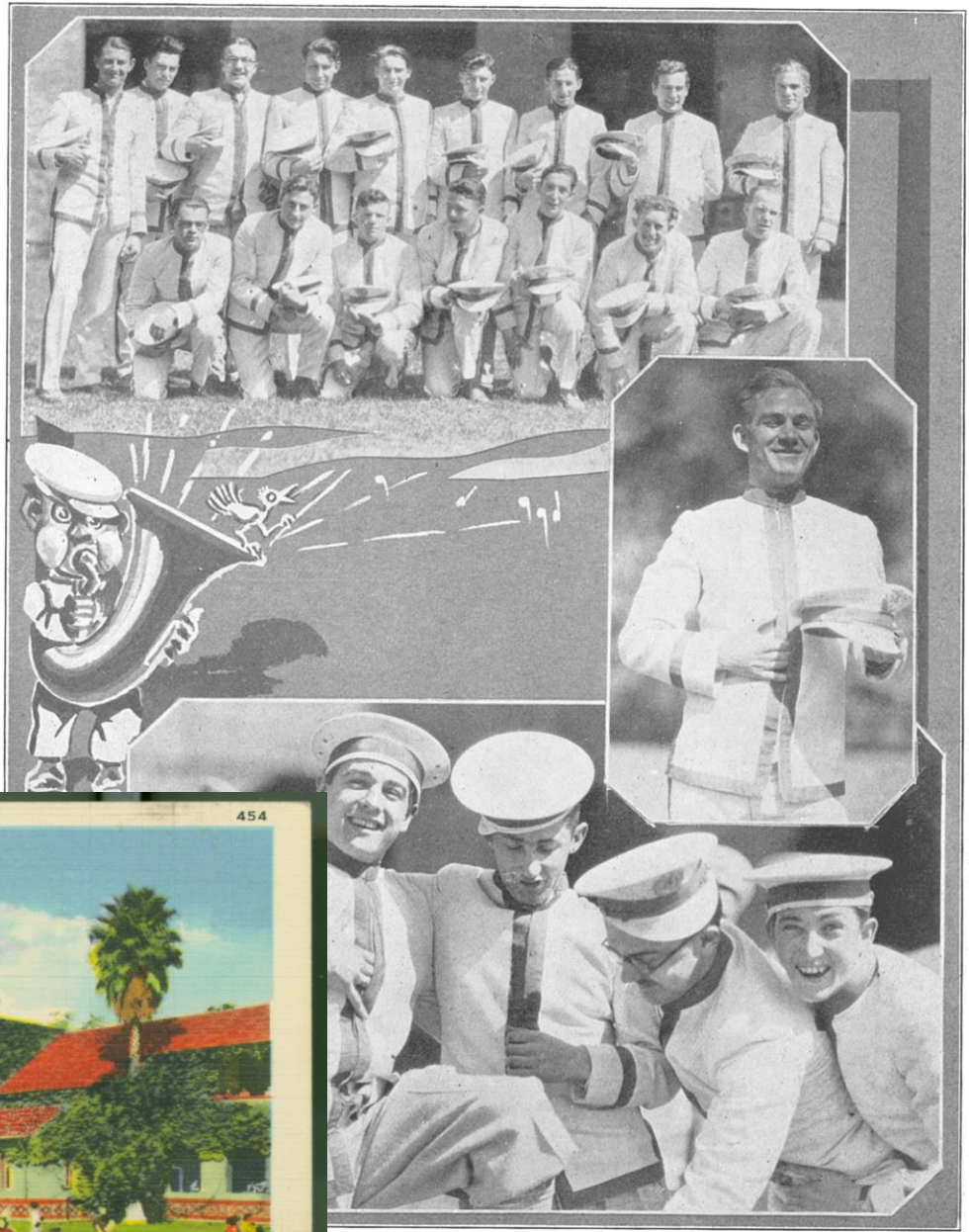
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YOU WILL KNOW HER  
ANYPLACE BY THE RIBBON IN HER HAIR • HAUNTS  
TWO PLACES COMMONLY TERMED THE LIBRARY AND  
THE QUAD • SEEMS TO HAVE AN ATTRACTION  
FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS • SPEAKS TO ANYONE  
THOUGH • GOOD FOR TWO THINGS • DANCING  
AND TYING BOW TIES.



La Torre 1927

State College Band

Tower Hall 1927



SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE, SAN JOSE, CALIF.

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#### STATE COLLEGE BAND

An important role in the spirit of college life. The players have displayed in the games played not only on home territory but in many instances on notably the Lincoln Memorial assembly program gave a part to this boys of the band made the most noise and played the hardest during the loyal Spartan at Tracy rooting in vain for the basketball conference championship.

# 1924 La Torre





## 1932 Women's Sports—Basketball and Tennis







## Clubs and Societies 1930s



### Cosmopolitan Club

#### OFFICERS

##### FALL QUARTER

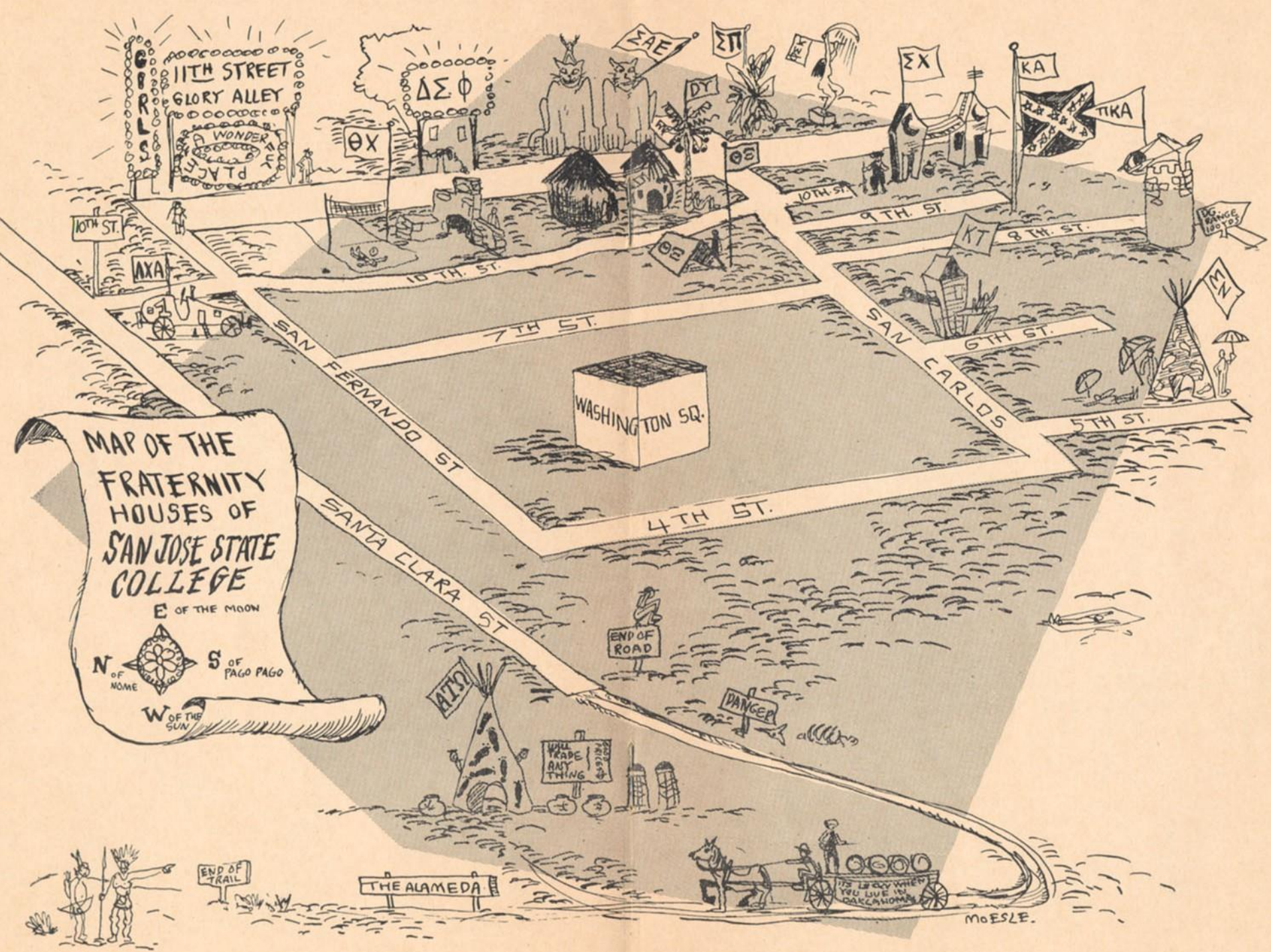
*President*..... Audrey Batchelor  
*Vice-President*..... Florencio Biniegla  
*Secretary*..... Fama Benito  
*Treasurer*..... Karam S. Hindi

##### WINTER QUARTER

*President*..... Bill Chilcoat  
*Vice-President*..... Florencio Biniegla  
*Secretary*..... Faracita Hall  
*Treasurer*..... John Kitasaka

##### SPRING QUARTER

*President*..... Florencio Biniegla  
*Vice-President*..... Evelyn Darling  
*Secretary*..... Faracita Hall  
*Treasurer*..... John Kitasaka





# The War Years

## 1941-1945

- Pre-war enrollment peaked at 4,100
- 1942 enrollment dropped to 2,960
- Police School was closed for duration
- New vocational courses in Industrial Arts including war chemistry and engineering drawing were open to war workers
- 1943-1944 population shrank to 234 male students, and 1,349 women

# La Torre

## 1943 Enlistees



Representatives p



Bill Halbush  
Army Air Corps



Betty Henley  
WAAC

Bob Skiplay  
Navy



Virginia Crinklaw  
WAAFS





Willard Rice attended State for the last two years.



Maxine Robertson, American Red Cross assistant program director serving in India. Received her A.B. at State in 1939.

## 1944 Enlistees







Barbara Standring (extreme right). Class of 1943. WAC.



Capt. Bob Ramsay, 1942 grad, former gridder, with Marine Air Corps in South Pacific.



# Post War Years

1945-1950



# Post-War Expansion

- 1945 enrollment increased to 2,500
- Spartan City—Married Student Housing constructed to address anticipated heavy enrollment following the war.
- Fall 1946 enrollment reached new high-- 5,972 undergraduates
- 1948 7,041 students enrolled
- 1950 first MA degrees were granted to 11 students



1947  
Sewing Class



1947

## Student Radio Station



The Radio Class broadcasts.

## Fun and Frolicking





# ORGANIZATIONS



# Clubs and Societies

## 1950s

- 1953 SJC had over 52 clubs and societies
- Included honor societies, subject societies, fraternities, sports, theater arts, business and accounting, education, community service, religious, and housing clubs
- Examples include Greek Societies, Flying Twenty, Black Masque, International Students, Spartan Oriocci (Japanese), Ski Club.....

## Alpha Phi Omega Pledge, 1949







# THE COLUMNS

## voice of the greeks



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No. 2

### THETA CHI DOG— “HANSEL” TO BE MISSED AT SJS

Hansel Von-Haben Handgeben III, the Theta Chi mascot, will be missed by many of the students and faculty. Hansel died this summer as a result of a kidney infection.

It is easy to remember the way Hansel would follow the brothers to their classes. One class Hansel liked especially well was the music appreciation lab.

Hansel was known for his walks around campus. Often, while he was walking, people would stop and ask, “How are you today Hansel?” or “is he getting along all right?”

Hansel loved the beach. Once on the sand, he would run and bark, chase sticks thrown into the water, and dig holes all over the beach — definitely hiding his nine years of age.

Last semester, Hansel attended Sparta Camp. Those who didn't get to know Hansel can see his picture in last year's La Torre on the T.C. page.

Now there is an empty spot at the Theta Chi house and on the campus also. There will never be another Hansel.

### PUBLIC VIEWS '60 PRESENTS

Sunday afternoon, October 16, San Jose State sororities opened wide their doors to let the public get their first official view of their new pledges.



Homecoming queen and attendants — Left to right: Gracie Wilson, Bonnie Corbin, Queen Maryleela Rao, Patsy Ross, and Brooke Shebly.

## FLOATS, BANDS, GAME HIGHLITE HOMECOMING

Homecoming Queen Maryleela Rao, and her four attendants, Bonnie Corbin, Patsy Ross, Brooke Shebly and Gracie Wilson will adorn the first queen's float

In the fraternity-sorority float division, Delta Gamma and Lambda Chi Alpha will be shooting for repeats.

The DG crew is working with Delta

# Athletics

- In 1913 the student body was dominated by women, and the sports team reflected the gendered population
- By 1948 male students represented 4,420 of the total 7,041 population
- Men's sports becomes a central part of student life

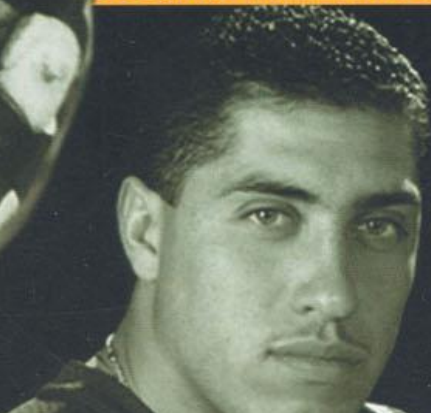


# SAN JOSE STATE FOOTBALL

## A TRADITION SINCE 1893



Gerald Willhite, TB, 1980-81   Louie Wright, DB, 1973-74





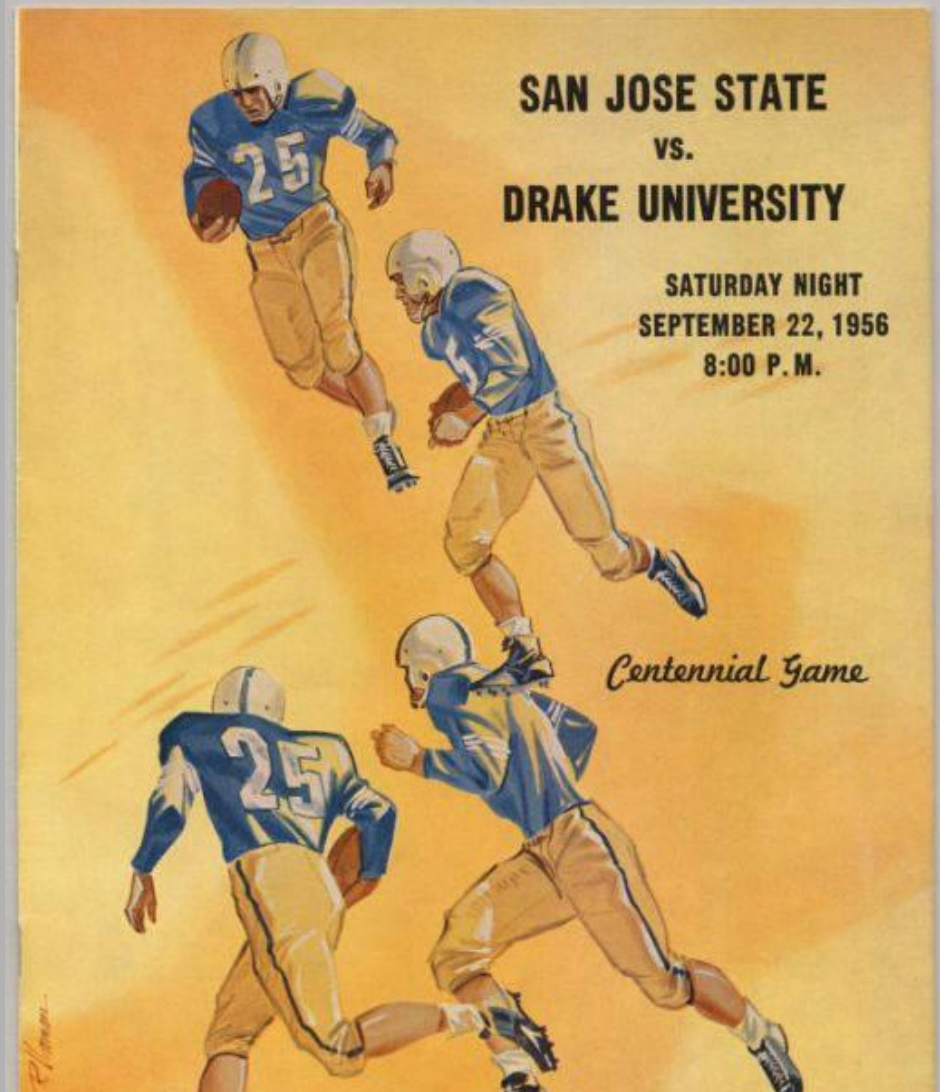
**San Jose State Normal  
School**

**Football Team**

**1899**

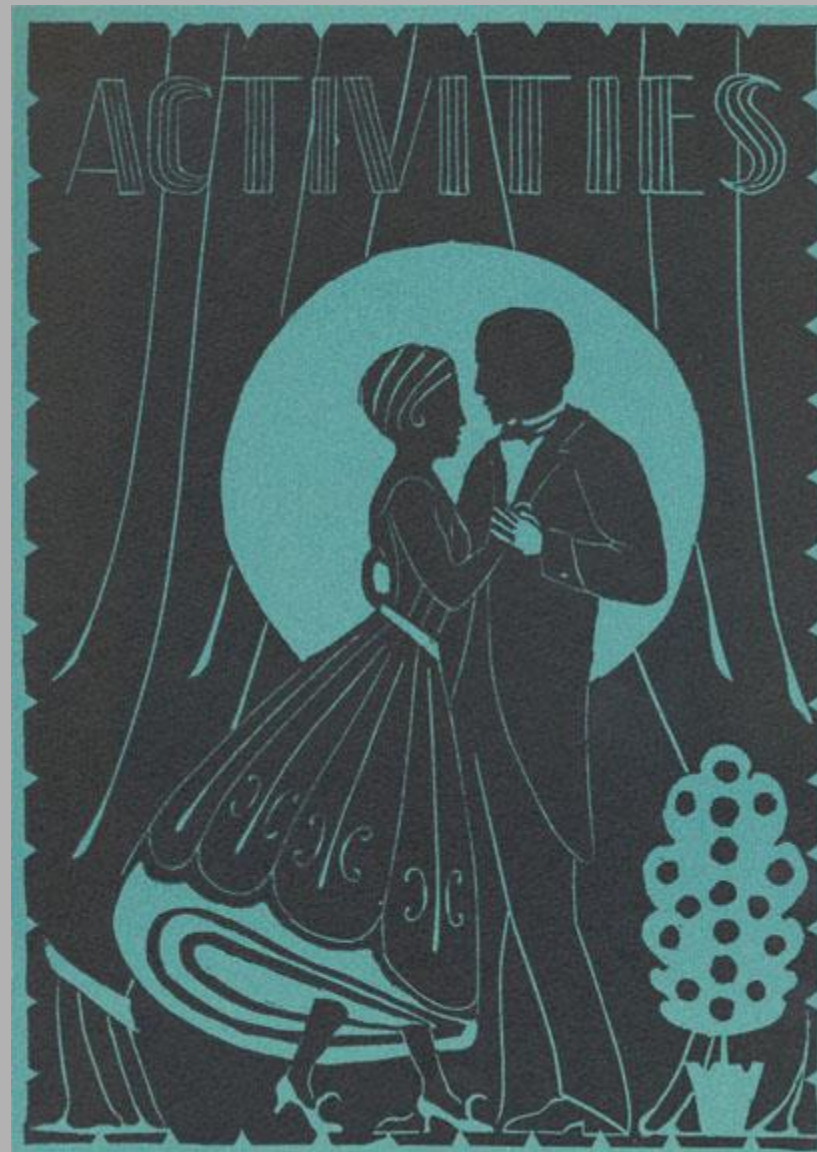


San Jose State  
Football  
1956









## The Thieves' Carnival, 1958





**SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND DRAMA**

... announces ...

**THE THIEVES' CARNIVAL**

a gay, witty, and sophisticated comedy

by JEAN ANOUILH

**DECEMBER 5, 6, 10 through 13 at 8:15 p.m.**

1958

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## Student's at Spardi Gras, 1920s





# 1960s and 1970s

- Student population exceeded 20,000
- New College formed in 1968—self-contained liberal arts interdisciplinary 4 year program (ended 1981)
- Civil Rights and the Vietnam War produced student unrest, protest, marches, and created a new culture of change and opened the door to diversity
- Chicano Studies, African American Studies, Asian Studies, Women's Studies, and Gay People's Union



# SHAKA



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## AN IN DEPTH REVIEW OF THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS

"In Prison for the Crime  
of Being Black" PGS 6-7

BLACK WOMEN IN WOMEN'S LIB? PG 3

DRAFT COUNSELING ON CAMPUS PG 4

WHERE IS H. RAP BROWN? PG 9

PROFILES ON BLACK ATHLETES PG 11







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# San Jose on Inaugural Day PROTEST NIXON'S WAR

Saturday January 20th



STOP ALL BOMBING AND  
U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA NOW

BRING THE POW'S HOME NOW; SIGN THE  
TREATY BOTH SIDES AGREED TO

**ASSEMBLE 11 AM**  
**1st & WILLIAM**  
GORE PARK

**MARCH TO**  
**ST. JAMES PARK**





HEAR  
JANE  
FONDA

speaking for the  
TOM HAYDEN for  
U.S. SENATE  
campaign

FRI. APRIL 23

1:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE St. U.

at the STUDENT UNION PIT  
(between 9th St. and the Srdy Union)



# An appeal for the people of Vietnam

There is a need to speak of the long-drawn agony which is overwhelming the voiceless men, women and children of South Vietnam. For the past twenty-five years they have been suffering through three wars. Their welfare and their future should constitute the beginning and the ending point of every consideration.

An eloquent plea was released to the United States press by a Buddhist leader in Saigon last February:

"Our people throughout the nation from the main city to the far village in the countryside have suffered all miseries, griefs and unhappiness. They have even lost their lives and properties.

"Most of the Vietnamese people do not like war to go on and wish the end of the war as soon as possible in order to stop the bloody scenes of their Vietnamese brothers killing one another."

American Friends Service Committee representatives, recently returned from an extended visit through the length and breadth of South Vietnam, confirm the truth of these moving words.

We of the AFSC reaffirm our belief that war is morally indefensible. We have said this of other wars and we say it now of this war. There is no possible action by one side which can lend justification to acts of mass violence being carried out by the other, whether the war be labeled one of national liberation or for the defense of freedom. The villagers of Vietnam suffer and die unaware of being liberated by

anyone. They feel little stake in the outcome of this war.

There are now more than 600,000 uprooted persons in South Vietnam who have fled their homes to escape the violence that is being carried on by both sides. In addition, there are unknown numbers of victims of United States bombing in the North. More will be added across the land each day as the war continues.

To relieve the suffering of these victims of the war, whether in the North or South, the AFSC is now appealing for funds. Together with other public and private agencies we will seek to bring relief to the refugees in South Vietnam. There can be no frontiers to human need. Therefore, we also seek ways to bring aid to the victims of war in North Vietnam and in territories held by the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong). We do not know whether we shall be able to work in these areas, but we will try very hard to do so.

Much money will be needed, and we shall be glad to receive contributions from those who trust us to apply their gifts to the sufferers from the Vietnam war wherever they may be.

Humanitarian activity, however, does not absolve Americans, either as individuals or as citizens, from facing with searching candor the awful fact of the United States' involvement in war, and of what this is doing to the moral fiber of this nation, and indeed of mankind everywhere. We urge the United States to revise its policies in Southeast Asia so as not to rely on military force.

## In 1954 the American Friends Service Committee made a statement\* on Indo-China which we find relevant today.

The American Friends Service Committee is profoundly disturbed with the pressures for United States military intervention in Indo-China. On the basis of long Quaker experience in international service we are convinced that nothing but disaster lies down this road. The destructiveness of modern war can produce nothing but hatred, even among those on whose behalf the fighting ostensibly is undertaken, and hatred is no foundation upon which freedom and democracy can be built.

We urge our fellow citizens to remember that a real victory for freedom in Indo-China, as elsewhere, depends upon winning the minds and hearts of the Indo-Chinese. This requires that America first understand that the legitimate yearnings of Asian peoples are for independence and for a better standard of life. These are the fundamental issues in the present raging Indo-Chinese revolution and they are not issues that can be met by military threats.

\* These are the first two paragraphs.

**WE APPEAL to each side to refrain from the horrors of bombing, the obliteration of villages, tortures, extortion, the use of press gangs and other atrocious acts**

**WE APPEAL to each side for a cease fire and the beginning of negotiations carried out with the aim of**

**WE APPEAL for the withdrawal of all armed forces and the acceptance by all of an international presence to maintain order and give protection**

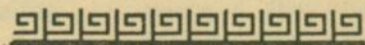
**WE APPEAL for construction to take the place of destruction so that the beneficent forces of the United States and other nations may join together to create the greater world society**

**Today is the time for action. To delay may imperil the existence of**

# Tommy Smith







this year...



GIVE a  
BLACK Gift!

# Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow-150 Years

- 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration—opportunities
- share experiences and values
- Celebrate 150 years of academic excellence
- Increase awareness of SJSU to city, regional and state history
- Donate materials to Special Collections that document student life experiences